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In Re: MUR 5520

Dear Sir:

This will formally acknowledge your letter in re the above MUR and so-called complaint from Mr. Hamilton, dated September 1, 2004, and received by me on September 7, 2004.

Attached is the committee's response, together with supporting and referenced documentation.

Our counsel is Oscar Shoenfelt, 2109 Perkins Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808. Please copy him on all future correspondence.

Please contact me for any further information deemed helpful in resolution of this matter.

In the event a referral is contemplated, I request a meeting with appropriate staff concerning the results of your review.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely,

Jacob Giardina, Treasurer
Tauzin For Congress
A Principal Campaign Committee

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Attachment

Cc: Committee Counsel

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Jacob Giardina, Treasurer

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SWORN STATEMENT

A. Tauzin for Congress, the registered principal campaign committee of Wilbert J. "Billy" Tauzin III, candidate, and Jacob Giardina, Treasurer, are not aware of any illegal activity related to his candidacy in the 3rd Congressional District of Louisiana. The complaint is vague and its suggestions are untrue.

Public statements by Ken Johnson were not and have not been authorized by Tauzin for Congress or Billy Tauzin III. The various articles carried by state papers and the Hill paper were reviewed and we understand the effort of Mr. Romero and Mr. Hamilton to create an issue. Rather than address the issues facing the district, Mr. Romero is trying to create a negative issue by attacking my father and the State Republican Party because my father's campaign committee has a sizable balance on hand.

Specifically, we deny any illegal activity and failure to comply with FECA of 1971, as amended, in any and all reporting and disclosure of all financial activity of the Tauzin for Congress and Billy Tauzin III.

So far as we know, The Billy Tauzin Congressional Committee, and Billy Tauzin II have not been a part of any "winking and nodding" on my behalf with the Louisiana Republican Party, or any individual, candidate or other person, relating to the Party's endorsement of my candidacy on behalf of my committee.

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Mr. Romero and Mr. Hamilton seem to suggest that my father from The Billy Tauzin Congressional Committee paid for the party's endorsement. Any such notion is an absolute falsehood and is an attempt to deceive the FEC and the voters of Louisiana.

B. I sought the endorsement of my party, the same as all other candidates had the opportunity to do, and discussed with party officials my request for its endorsement. Other than seeking the endorsement, no promises were made for money, financial benefit, or anything of value with a view to helping me in exchange for the party's endorsement. The party acted through its State Central Committee of more than 100 elected members.

As my FEC reports will verify, and subject to the penalties for perjury, my father and his committee, my mother and other members of my family, have made only minor financial contributions to my campaign.

C. Tauzin for Congress has made no overture of any kind suggesting to anyone any intent whatsoever that an attempted violation of either the letter or spirit of the FECA of 1971, as amended, is planned or would be condoned. Mr. Johnson's statement to the press has nothing to do with TFC, my candidacy or the conduct of me or my committee.

D. No funds have been diverted and/or earmarked for Tauzin for Congress from

The Billy Tauzin Congressional Committee, my family personally or, any other person or source.

Under the penalties of perjury I swear that the foregoing statements are true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Tauzin for Congress
(a principal campaign committee)

Kelli A. Walker
Witness

By: Jacob Giardina
Jacob Giardina, Treasurer

Connie Haggard
Witness

Wilbert J. "Billy" Tauzin III
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Candidate for Congress
3rd Congressional District
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Nicholas J. Geringer
Notary Public

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